

Take your data with you!

Mobile Organization

Organizing your life a few years ago was limited to a diary. With modern technology we are now able to do so much more and make the information work for us. With the help of Linux we can make the most of our PDAs and so become even more efficient.

Page 20 and following pages compare the big two organizers for Linux. We take an in-depth look at KOrganizer and Evolution. Both have their supporters and information can be exchanged between them. We differentiate their features and show you which will suit your needs.

No matter what PDA you use, sooner or later you will need to synchronize the information with a computer. On pages 24 and 25 you will find the rising star in the synchronization world. KitchenSync is capable of connecting to many PDAs and is written by the OPIE team, who produce the Open Palmtop Integrated Environment which you can find more about on pages 34 through 38.

Data is everywhere these days and our hectic modern lives seem to be unable to function without it being to hand. Most users are eager to synchronize their PDA with their desktop computers. They want to be more efficient and make the most of the data. We show you how to be more organized with a PDA.

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Next we give a step by step guide to show you how to install your own Linux system onto a Sharp Zaurus. The modern operating system builds on the one installed by default to provide more tools and functionality to make your PDA fun to use.

PDAs lack all the facilities that full sized computer systems have available. GPE aims to create a complete environment that aids users as well as developers. We take a look through the crystal ball to foretell at what is to come.

Portabase is a simple database application that does not need a server and is perfectly suited to the smaller non-relational databases.

Originally programmed for the Sharp Zaurus, the database now also runs on the Linux desktop. We have an in depth tutorial to get you up and running quickly.

Writing programs for a PDA has never been easier. OPIE is a new Open Source graphical platform based on Qtopia, but with improved usability. We take you through installation and how to cross-compile your sources to run on the pocket device.

Finally we take a look at some hardware for a PDA. Writing a novel would risk injury on a PDA. Infra Red keyboards can make life simple.

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